

October 22, 2003

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Sincerely,

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USA

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There are no selfish motives here; the technologically literate will likely circumvent these poorly conceived measures, so chances are good that I will have little to worry about. But what about the rest of the world? What about my grandparents? Should their viewing habits be dictated and controlled by a few movie and television studios?

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Dear Commissioner Michael J Copps

As a media literacy educator, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag "

Individuals of every age are surrounded by media texts—particularly television—and many have no experience thinking critically about them or analyzing their content and form. As an educator, I find it crucial to be able to show students recent examples of news programs, dramas, advertisements, and other television texts in order to provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to analyze their components

These kinds of skills are necessary both for students who are looking to break into the television industry and those who wish to be more active consumers and interpreters of media. The broadcast flag will prevent me from recording many of the texts that I currently record and show in class under "fair use" laws

As a teacher, a citizen, and a viewer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Silas

Kenneth E. Snider  
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Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

As a broadcast television viewer and media educator, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation that would restrict the way I enjoy television and use it to instruct my students.

The broadcast flag violates the educational fair use of copyrighted material and, in the long run, will diminish the very industry it claims to protect. Where will all the new stories, art, technique, and other creative material come from if today's students cannot review, critique, or examine what is the current state of the art, or what was done in the past?

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest, student's interest, nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV, and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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